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Foreign Minister Czyrek told our Ambassador January 4 that Poland is calm and returning to work. Moreover, one-sixth of the detainees (800-900?) has already been released.

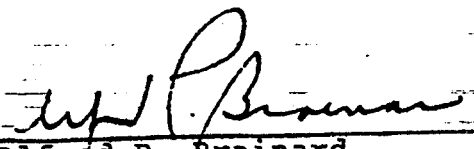
General Jaruzelski stated to EC-10 Ambassadors that he was considering sending interned Solidarity leaders into Western exile.

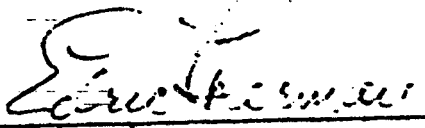
Our Embassy reports (January 4) that the tempo of observable activity in Warsaw remains sluggish although there was more at all work places visited than at any time since December 13. A Polish official told an Embassy officer that one of the most important problems facing Jaruzelski is how to inspire Polish youth; the authorities cannot promise more than they can deliver. Our Embassy continues to hear reports from various locales that prison conditions for detainees are "not bad". Living conditions and food appear adequate. Physical mistreatment stories seem fewer.

The Polish Foreign Ministry told our Embassy that the Polish Government continues to desire cooperation with private and independent agencies providing humanitarian assistance. Moreover, there would be no problem for CARE and Catholic Relief Service personnel to monitor the distribution of humanitarian aid.

The martial law authorities continue to restrict Embassy and Consulate travel to administrative runs between posts and to West Berlin. Our Defense Attaches are restricted even further.

Pravda, January 5, again indicated concern about the future of the Polish United Workers Party under military rule. It expressed confidence that the PZPR would recover soon to win over the hearts and minds of Poles.


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